

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

October 12, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Psalm 84:10 - For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Pray the youth in our community to experience rich times of community in God's Word together and that the Holy Spirit would ignite a passion for His truth and gospel.

Calvary CRC Family Prayer Requests: (Calvary CRC Prayer Line 737-3959)

Congratulations to Blake Manwarren and Laura Grasman, who were united in marriage on October 11. May the Lord grant his blessing to this home established on Christ.

Immanuel CRC Family Prayer Requests:

Sharon Rowenhorst came home on October 3 after her liver transplant. She is doing well and happy to be home! Denny and Sharon would like to thank the community for their prayers and support.

Emmett De Jong, son of Zach and Paige De Jong will be baptized on October 12. Thank you, Lord, for your promises to watch over Emmett and bring him closer to you!

Living Water Community Church Family Prayer Requests:

Ronda Noteboom underwent a successful reverse shoulder replacement surgery on Wednesday at Mayo Methodist Hospital, Rochester, MN. Please pray for full and timely healing. Ronda remains grateful for God's sustaining presence in her life.

First CRC Family Prayer Requests: (First CRC Prayer Line 737-3119)

Nothing to report.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep denominational ministries in prayer. Call the toll-free number: 1-888-CRC-PRAY (272-7729).

Groundwork - God's Faithfulness from Generation to Generation - Celebrate Groundwork's 15th anniversary and study God's Word together! Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 15, Matthew 26:26-29, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Deuteronomy 8:10-18, Joshua 4:1-9, and John 3:3-8 to explore the biblical foundation for legacies of faith and reflect on how God has remained faithful from generation to generation. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2026 home build in Orange City. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are due October 31.

From OCCS: We are very thankful for the response we have received so far for the pig-in-the-blanket fundraiser. If you haven't ordered yet, you still have time. The google form will stay open through October 24 or until pigs are sold. The cost is \$18.00 per dozen. You can order online using the link on the OCCS website or stop by the school office for a paper copy. You can pick up your order at OCCS on Wednesday, October 29 from 5-7 p.m. We will be making the Pig-In-The-Blankets on October 27 and 28. We welcome any associates (past parents, grandparents, or supporters of the school) who would like to join us.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, October 13

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at Calvary CRC

Wednesday, October 15

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Day Away

Friday, October 17

3:10 p.m. The Dordt University music department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Featured on the performance will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed afternoon of big band standards, fresh jazz perspectives, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at

<https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

7:00 p.m. The Dordt Music Department will present their Instrumental Ensembles concert as part of the Fall Music Festival. The concert will be held in the BJ Haan Auditorium and will feature the Wind Symphony, Chamber Orchestra and Campus-Community Band. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

8:30 p.m. The second half of the Fall Music Festival in the BJ Haan Auditorium will feature four of the Dordt choral ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Saturday, October 18

11:15 a.m. The Dordt Music Department will present a Defender Days Hymn Festival, "Great One in Three, Eternal Praises Be" in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The Hymn Festival will celebrate the Trinitarian nature of God with hymns and songs led by organ, brass, percussion, choir, flute, cello, and piano. A prelude by Dordt organ students will take place prior to the start of the Hymn Festival. You are warmly invited to gather and sing joyfully!

Advanced Notices:

Unity Christian Fall Concert - the music department will present their Fall Concert on Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all of the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

Unity Christian High School will be hosting the NW Iowa Christian School Orchestra Festival on Thursday, October 30. Orchestras from Hull Christian, Orange City Christian, Rock Valley Christian, Sanborn Christian, Sioux Center Christian, Unity Christian, and Western Christian will be participating in the festival. A concert beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Knight Center will showcase the combined middle school orchestras, combined high school orchestras, and a massed orchestra of all of the participating students. A free-will offering will be received.

Please join Hospers First Christian Reformed Church on Tuesday, November 4 for their annual soup and pie supper. We will be serving soup, sandwiches and pie from 5:00-7:00pm with carry out options available. A free will offering will be taken, with all proceeds benefiting Christian education. Come for great food and fellowship!

Atlas Orange City invites you to their 2025 Fundraiser on Saturday, November 15 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Living Water Community Church, 1005 8th St. SE, Orange City. Please RSVP by calling 712-737-4090. On this night, we will share a meal, enjoy a time of worship, and listen to how God has impacted real people's lives. The dinner will be free of charge, but we ask that you come prepared to give a donation to the work and ministry of Atlas Orange City.

Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don't know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on November 22 from 10-3 for 'Called'. Rev. Stephen Terpstra, Rev. John Klompfen, and Rev. John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to:

<https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in your church or school.

Questions? Email pastor@firstercoc.org.

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by Thursday at 1:00 p.m., email: office@firstercoc.org